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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Director *non for LFB*

THRU: Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director *mm*

THRU: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *WH*

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist *PB*

RE: Request for Approval of Form and Amount of Replacement Reclamation Surety, ECDC Environmental, L.C. Mining Company, ECDC Clay Mine, M/015/062, Emery County, Utah

On July 8, 2003, we received written notification from National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, that they will not renew the Mined Land Reclamation Bond # _____ posted as reclamation surety for this site. The surety would cancel effective October 6, 2003.

We notified the operator that a replacement surety was required within 60 days (by September 8, 2003) or the Division would be forced to start surety forfeiture proceedings. On September 4, the operator provided the Division with a replacement surety bond # _____ issued by Westchester Fire Insurance. A replacement Reclamation Contract to be attached to the surety was not received until October 1, 2003. The Reclamation Contract had corrections that needed to be made; those corrected pages were received on December 9, 2003. Westchester Insurance has an A rating on the A.M. Best rating guide and is listed on the federal register of acceptable surety companies.

If you are in agreement with the acceptance of the replacement reclamation surety please sign and date the documents. We will then issue final Division approval for the replacement surety and return the existing Reclamation Contract and cancelled surety bond back to ECDC for their disposal or return to the surety company. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Enclosure: MR-RC & surety
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